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**Academic:** Bigelow Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago Law School (1980-1981)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Marvin E. Aspen, United States District Court for the Northern District Illinois (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Jenner & Block (1981-1985); Partner, Jenner & Block (1986-1998)

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**Geraldine Soat Brown**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950

Education: Dayton BA; Chicago 1975 JD

Began Service: June 19, 2000

Term Expires: June 18, 2008

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law (1993-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Miller Shakman & Hamilton (1975-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; Illinois State Bar Association; Women's Bar Association of Illinois

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**Maria G. Valdez**

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Began Service: 2005

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**Eugene R. Wedoff**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950

Education: Chicago 1972 BA, 1975 JD

Began Service: September 16, 1987

Term Expires: 2015

**Legal Practice:** Jenner & Block (1975-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Jack B. Schmetterer**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1931

Education: Yale 1952 BA, 1955 LLB, 1955 JD

Began Service: May 9, 1985

Term Expires: November 5, 2013

**Academic:** Instructor, Yale University (1954-1955); Instructor, University Georgia (1957-1958); Visiting Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus (1974-1978)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1963-1970); Assistant United States Attorney, Chief, Civil Division, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1966-1968); First Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1968-1970); First Assistant State's Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1971-1973); Board Member, North Shore Mass Transit District (1981-1984); Trustee, Northbrook Village Board (1984-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Schmetterer & Schmetterer (1958-1963); Partner, Freeman, Schmetterer, Freeman & Salzman (1970-1971); Partner, Gottlieb & Schwartz (1973-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1956-1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Decalogue Society; Federal Bar Association; John Howard Association; Just the Beginning Foundation; Law Club of Chicago; Lawyers' Club of Chicago; Mackey-Wigmore Inn of Court

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**Susan Pierson Sonderby**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Illinois 1969 BA;

John Marshall 1973 JD

Began Service: October 1, 1986

Term Expires: September 30, 2014

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, DePaul University (1986)

**Government:** Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois (1972-1977); Assistant Attorney General, Litigation Section, Consumer Protection Division, State of Illinois (1977-1978); Assistant Attorney General and Chief, Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Illinois (1978-1983); Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois (1983); United States Trustee, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1986)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1998-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, O'Brien, Garrison, Berard, Kusta & De Witt (1973-1977)

**Current Memberships:** Administrative Office of the United States Courts Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group Administrative Office of the United States Courts Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group; Administrative Office of the United States Courts Budget and Finance Council; American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Circuit Admissions Committee for the American College of Bankruptcy; Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Board Member; Lawyers Club of Chicago; National Conference on Bankruptcy Judges; United States District Court's Mediation Task Force; Chicago Architecture Foundation

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**John H. Squires**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Illinois 1968 BA, 1971 JD

Began Service: January 1988

Term Expires: December 31, 2016

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School (1994)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Brown, Hay & Stephens (1971-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1969)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Federal Bar Association; The Lawyers Club; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Union League Club of Chicago

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